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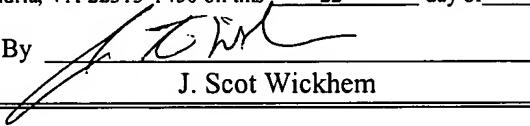
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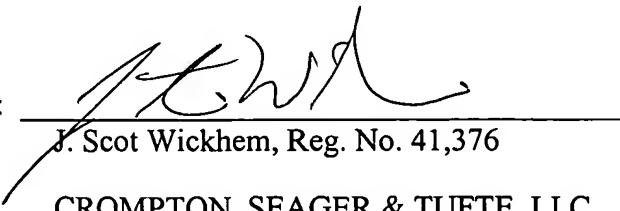
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Dear Sir:

We are transmitting herewith the attached:

- Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)
- Form PTO-1449 listing Thirty (30) references
- Copies of Three (3) non-published U.S. Patent Applications are enclosed
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the obligations of candor and good faith imposed by 37 C.F.R 1.56, the items of information listed on the attached PTO-1449 is hereby disclosed.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action on-the-merit. Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

No representation is intended to be made hereby that any of the cited references establishes, by itself or in combination with other information, a prima facie case of unpatentability of any claim of the present case.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2), a copy of each foreign patent documents, non-published patent application, and non-patent literature listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 is provided.

Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

Respectfully submitted,

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